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Durham Hosts 2016 Golden Leaf Awards April 14

Free Event Open to the Public; Voting for People's Choice Award Ends April 1

DURHAM, N.C. – Who will walk away with the prestigious Golden Leaf award for their Durham property voted to be the best in their category? Mark your calendar now to find out at the [2016 Golden Leaf Awards Reception and Ceremony](#).

This year's event is set for Thursday, April 14 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Durham County Government Administrative Complex Commissioners' Chambers, 200 E. Main St., Durham. The event is free, open to the public, and Durham residents are encouraged to attend.

Hosted by Durham City-County Appearance Commission, Keep Durham Beautiful, and the Durham City-County Environmental Affairs Board, the event will recognize properties that provide positive attributes to the built environment. Homeowners, building owners, architects, landscape architects, developers, realtors and anyone involved in design, planning, and construction in Durham have entered projects completed within the last five years for this year's competition.

Residents are also encouraged to visit the 2016 Golden Leaf Awards [website](#) by Friday, April 1 to review all of the nominated properties and cast their vote for their favorite project for the [People's Choice Award](#).

For more information, email info@durhamgoldenleaf.com or contact Planning Supervisor Aaron Cain with the Durham City-County Planning Department at (919) 560-4137, ext. 28226 or by [email](#).

About the Durham City-County Appearance Commission

The [Durham City-County Appearance Commission](#) is made up of 15 members, seven appointed by the [City Council](#) and eight appointed by the [Durham County Board of Commissioners](#). Its mission is to cultivate excellence in design, preservation and stewardship of the natural and built environment; to communicate the economic, social, and aesthetic value of good design and planning; and to celebrate exemplary design within the community.

About Keep Durham Beautiful

[Keep Durham Beautiful](#) is a nonprofit, volunteer organization working in partnership with the [City of Durham General Services Department](#) and [Durham County](#) to encourage residents, businesses, and community organizations to protect the environment and enhance the appearance of Durham through cleanup events, beautification projects, waste reduction, and educational activities. To learn more, visit the [website](#), like on [Facebook](#), and follow on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

About the Durham City-County Environmental Affairs Board

The [City of Durham](#) and [Durham County](#) jointly established the [Environmental Affairs Board](#) (EAB) in 1991, in recognition of the importance of local cooperation on environmental issues. The EAB is an advisory board of appointed volunteer citizens to provide the City and County with expert and comprehensive advice on various environmental matters. It is also a mechanism for facilitating communication between the public and local government leaders. The EAB considers topics such as watershed protection, natural resource protection, air quality, environmental impacts of industrial development, environmental education, green building design, energy conservation, and global climate change.

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